

1. **Pray:** ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word
2. **Think:** the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word
3. **Begin:** using only your Bible, answer the questions without other outside sources

Lesson Thirty One—The Gospel of John Chapter 21

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1. a) In John 21:1, where are these disciples?

 b) What does Simon Peter say and who is with him in John 21:3?

 c) What do you **think** is the motive behind Simon Peter's statement?

 d) What was the result of their work in John 21:3?

2. a) Read Luke 5:1–11. Compare the reading in Luke with John 21:5–12, 19. Include in your comparison the following:
 - The stage of Jesus' ministry
 - The results of their work from the previous night
 - Jesus' command
 - The reaction to Jesus' command
 - The catch
 - Simon Peter's reaction to the catch
 - Jesus' directions to Simon Peter after the catch

Luke 5:1–11	John 21:5–12, 19

- b) Why do you **think** Simon Peter's reactions are different?
- c) How is your reaction to Jesus' presence in your life now different from when you first came to know Him? Why? If you are not a believer in Jesus, how is your reaction different from when you first heard about Him to now? Why?
3. a) Describe all of the different reactions the disciples have in John 21:7–8 and how each one glorifies Jesus.
- b) Which one do you most identify with and why?
4. In John 21:10, why do you **think** Jesus commanded the disciples to bring Him some of the fish?
5. List all the ways Jesus provides for the disciples in John 21:1–12.

8. Take a few moments to acknowledge the work of the Holy Spirit in you throughout this study before answering the following. Pray and read through all the questions. Answer two or think of two other questions and prayerfully decide which you may share during discussion time and which you may share on Sharing Day. You may wish to write your answers in the form of a letter back to Jesus and share excerpts from your letter:

- How has this study of John unraveled you?
- What ache has Jesus revealed and begun to heal in your life?
- How has your belief that Jesus is the Christ and the Son of God changed because of this study of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection?
- What aspect of Jesus' character has He revealed that has become a treasure and new source of encouragement for you?
- How does this letter unveil the level of your integrity, faithfulness, and commitment in your relationship with Jesus?
- What part of your relationship needs Jesus' restoration and your new commitment?
- How has this love letter stirred your passion and pain as Jesus' loved one?
- How will your life be a response to this love letter from Jesus?